



EU-FUNDED PROJECT NEWS

EU-FUNDED PROJECT TRAINS CONSULAR OFFICERS TO DELIVER BETTER SERVICES

On 12–14 July the EU-funded and IOM-implemented project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership” held a training session, entitled “Improving the skills of the consular officers from the diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Republic of Moldova abroad to grant consular assistance”. The training was organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, addressed to consular interventions on issues related to relationships with migrants and Diaspora initiatives.

The Consular Officers were trained on: legal protection of Moldovan citizens abroad and the implementation of readmission agreements, citizen documentation, transcription of civil status acts, procedural changes in the role of the Civil Registry Office, information channels and assistance services regarding migrants’ return and reintegration. Special accents were made on Diaspora management and the role of Consular Officers in preventing and combating human trafficking.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT STRENGTHENS THE ABILITY OF LOCAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT SMES

On 15–16 July the EU-funded and IOM-implemented project “Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership” held a practical seminar for the heads and specialists of the district economy units within the Business Incubator in Soroca. The event was organised in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Organisation for Development of Small and Medium Enterprises and the project “ENTRANSE 2 Your Business” funded by the Norwegian Government.

The seminar, entitled “The role of local public administration in creating the support infrastructure for small and medium enterprises”, aimed to consolidate the potential of institutions and organisations representing small and medium enterprises at the local level. The participants discussed perspectives and opportunities to develop support mechanisms for small and medium enterprises and how to enhance the small and medium business environment.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS MONITORING MISSION TO THE MIGRANTS ACCOMMODATION CENTRE

On 16 July the EU-funded project “Technical Cooperation and Capacity Building for the Governments of Ukraine and Moldova for the Implementation of Readmission Agreements with the European Union (GUMIRA)” held the second Observatory Mechanism Mission to the Centre for Temporary Accommodation of Irregular Migrants (MAC) of the Moldovan Ministry of Internal Affairs. The Mission was composed of more than 20 representatives from Government agencies, NGOs, diplomatic missions and international organisations accredited in Moldova.

During the Mission, the participants were able to assess the existing accommodation conditions for migrants within the MAC, as well as the legal and social assistance systems for migrants established within the Centre; including recent developments following the previous Mission in November 2009. The participants were able to present their views on the subject, and while generally satisfied with the level of assistance and protection for migrant’s rights within the MAC, still provided recommendations on how to improve the situation and to enhance the cooperation in respective areas.



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EU-FUNDED PROJECT SUPERVISES THE FIRST TV DEBATES ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM

On 6–7 August the EU-funded and Council of Europe–implemented “Democracy Support Programme in Moldova” organised a workshop on referendum debates for the journalists, editors and producers of the public broadcasting company Teleradio-Moldova. Some 17 participants were trained by the former programme director of the Dutch national broadcasting company, and an editor of Radio Romania. The purpose of the session was to look at how to design, produce and broadcast the TV and radio debates on constitutional referendum.

On 9–12 August the international experts offered coaching and support to other specific groups from Teleradio Moldova on planning and broadcasting the debates on constitutional referendum. They have worked during four days in the studios of “Teleradio Moldova”, helping the teams from public TV and radio channels to design and broadcast the first debates on constitution referendum. The experts supervised directly the broadcast of first two TV debates at “Moldova 1” TV channel on 12 August.

The initial feedback from outsiders was positive: some local and international experts have noticed “encouraging qualitative changes” in designing and broadcasting of political debates on “Moldova 1”. The new format and decor, more participants, better camera moves and lighting improved the quality of debates on public broadcaster.

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EU SUPPORT TO REFORM AND MODERNISATION OF MOLDOVAN POLICE SERVICE

On 9–13 August the EU-funded project “Support to the Implementation of EU-Moldova Agreements” held in Vadul-lui-Voda in co-operation with the EU Delegation to Moldova and the EU High Level Policy Advice Mission to Moldova a working session on the future reform and modernisation process of Moldovan police service, in line with the best international and European practice.

The event was organised at the initiative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MAI) and aimed at elaboration of a Police Reform Road Map – a strategic document that will foster the placement of MAI within an inter-institutional context and will serve as a basis for future assistance initiatives from external donor organisations.

The Head of Political and Economic Section of the EU Delegation Wolfgang Behrendt and the Minister of Internal Affairs Victor Catan opened the first working session for experts from MAI, Supreme Court of Justice, Prosecutor General’s Office, Border Guard Service, Centre for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption, State Chancellery, Parliament and field NGOs. Prime Minister Vladimir Filat closed the event on 13 August with a session and conclusions and recommendations.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS A SUMMER CAMP TO EDUCATE YOUNG LOCAL INSTRUCTORS

On 11–15 August the EU-funded project “Learning Democracy” held in Zloti village, Cimislia district the “Sumer Camp for Local Trainers”. The purpose of this activity was to educate young instructors about the importance of good citizenship and democracy through organising different team activities of cognitive and instructive nature. The participants at the camp included local trainers and regional trainers from the 3 districts of Cimislia, Leova and Hincesti as well as project staff.

The activities of the summer camp were divided in two parts: theoretical and practical trainings. The activities were organised following the “training of trainers” method, insuring the transfer of knowledge from the regional trainers to the local ones.

All the activities of the camp were centred on consolidating the theoretical knowledge of the local trainers and the development of teamwork abilities. The local trainers received support materials, T-shirts with the logo: “Your vote counts”, electoral posters and other informative material, which will be used for promotional purposes in the activities organised in the future by the trainers.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT HOLDS TRAINING THE BEST 20 EDITORS AND SENIOR JOURNALISTS

On 13–15 August the EU-funded and Council of Europe–implemented “Democracy Support Programme in Moldova” organised in partnership with the Central Election Commission a workshop on media coverage of the constitutional referendum. The training was attended by the best 20 editors and senior journalists from media outlets in Moldova, inclusively editors from Transnistria and Gagauzia.

The training featured lecturers and presentations by the former programme director of Dutch national broadcasting company, the editor-in-chief of Dutch national public TV, and an editor from Radio Romania. The participants also had a chance to get first-hand information from the Secretary of Central Election Commission, on the proper use of the electoral terminology and reporting techniques on electoral procedures.



The event included practical sessions on legal provisions and boundaries for media coverage during elections and responsibilities of media personnel in coverage of the referendum and related constitutional amendments.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ON SUPPORT TO THE HEALTH REFORM HOLDS FINAL CONFERENCE

On 24 August the EU-funded project “Support to the Health Reform: Strengthening of Primary Health Care (PHC) in Moldova” held the Final Conference aimed to demonstrate the major achievements of the project’s activities, as well as the challenges and needs for the future in order to further develop PHC in Moldova as a basis for health care service delivery. The project with a budget of €1.2 million was implemented during September 2008–August 2010 and contribute to an effective coverage of Moldova with quality primary health care services.

After two years of operation the project invited the beneficiary, the Ministry of Health, and the funding agency, the EU Delegation to Moldova, as well as involved stakeholders from the rayons and Chisinau, in order to conclude the project. The Political Officer of the EU Delegation Dirk Lorenz and Minister of Health Vladimir Hotineanu underlined both the importance and success of the project for the further development of PHC in Moldova.

The project improved the efficiency and quality of the services at PHC level and strengthened the capacity of health management and medical personnel in PHC, through development of a mechanism for elaboration of Clinical Guidelines and Protocols for PHC; development and carrying out of a public information and awareness campaign; strengthening of the capacities, knowledge and skills of practitioners in PHC; defining the concept of a decentralised information system in the PHC.

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EU-FUNDED PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO THE REFERENDUM ON 5 SEPTEMBER

On 25 August the EU-funded and Council of Europe–implemented “Democracy Support Programme in Moldova” announced about a contribution to the Government of Moldova in the amount of approximately 1.1 million lei to assist the conduct of the constitutional referendum on 5 September 2010.

This contribution responds to the requests of the Government in addressing the challenges associated with the organising of the referendum, including the voting in the out-of-country polling stations.

The funding will enable critical assistance to the newly established polling stations abroad, and support key activities such as deployment of the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration and acquisition of equipment and material necessary for the conduct of referendum abroad.

Furthermore the conduct of the referendum will be observed through a separate initiative supported by the Joint Programme.

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EU-FUNDED PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

1–5 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

Training for the staff of the Monitoring Units of the Coordinating Council on Audiovisual and of the public broadcaster "Teleradio Moldova" in the use of the new media monitoring methodology, data analysis and reports drafting within the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova"

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6–7 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

Training on international protocol for the members of the Parliament and its staff within the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova"

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6–8 SEPTEMBER, IASI, ROMANIA

Study visit on implementation in Romania of the EU "Hygiene Package" for representatives of the Sanitary Veterinary and Animal Origin Products Safety Agency within the EU-funded project "Support of implementation of the agreements between Moldova and European Union"

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6 SEPTEMBER–14 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Second review mission of the EU-funded "Sector Policy Support Programme Health".

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7–9 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

Workshop on evaluation and fine-tuning of training curricula and manuals on document security within the EU-funded project "Strengthening Capacities and Cooperation in the Identification of Forged and Falsified Travel Documents at the Moldova-Romania Border"

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7–10 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

Training on the description of the European Union: institutions, decision-making, law, sources of information within the EU-funded Twinning project "Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova"

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7–11 SEPTEMBER, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Study visit to the Superior Council of Audiovisual of Belgium for the staff members of the Monitoring Unit of the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual of Moldova within the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova"

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8–9 SEPTEMBER, VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Training for employees of the National Employment Agency on internal communication, entitled "Internal communication as a tool to implement the goals of employment support policy" within the EU-funded project "Strengthening Moldova's capacity to manage labour and return migration"

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10 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

Presentation of a thorough analysis dealing with public procurement regulations and an intellectual property law guide within the EU-funded project "Support of implementation of the agreements between Moldova and European Union"

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12–16 SEPTEMBER, TALLINN, ESTONIA

Study visit to the Estonian Press Council for the members of the Moldovan Press Council within the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova"

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13–16 SEPTEMBER, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Trade Mission to Romania within the EU-funded project "Support to Export Promotion and Investment Attraction in the Republic of Moldova"

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13–17 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

Activity on Drafting an EU manual for Members of Parliament within the EU-funded project "Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova"

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14 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

TAIEX workshop 'Unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market'.

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22–23 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

Final Event and Steering Committee meeting of the EU-funded project "Support to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova"

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24 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

TAIEX workshop 'Cross-border clusters – a way towards SME's Europeanization'.

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27 SEPTEMBER–1 OCTOBER, CHISINAU

Training for a core group of 30 Moldovan judges, police officers and prosecutors on prevention of torture and ill-treatment within the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova"

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28 SEPTEMBER, CHISINAU

Presentation of two comprehensive studies dealing with health and safety at work regulations and standardisation within the EU-funded project "Support of implementation of the agreements between Moldova and European Union"

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28–29 SEPTEMBER, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Study visit to European Parliament within the EU-funded "Democracy Support Programme in Moldova"

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